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Subject: Newtown Rail Trail Project Update

Good morning,

Thank you again for requesting to be added to the email distribution list for future updates regarding the Newtown Rail Trail project.

As promised, we are providing you with an update relative to the fencing and landscaping being proposed as part of the trail project.

Based on our notes and valuable resident feedback, we have been working with our consultant to revise the plans as follows:

- Increase the overall amount of, and number of properties scheduled to receive, fencing and landscaping;
- Any fencing to be provided has been upgraded to a more robust three rail type (non-split rail) and will be located along the shoulders/edges of the trail versus along the property lines along the trail corridor;
- Any landscaping being proposed will be between the fence and the adjacent property lines, located on the property the County will be leasing from SEPTA. No landscaping will be installed on private property;
- No trespassing signs will be placed along the fence, and on individual posts (at regular intervals) in areas not receiving fencing, to indicate that trail users should not trespass beyond the fence/signs.

The consultant is in the process of revising the fencing and landscaping plans. When these are available, we will send an additional email with a link to the site where they can be viewed. Again we note that these plans and the depiction of proposed landscaping and fencing are for general location purposes and construction bidding purposes. ***Final locations of all landscaping and fencing will be field verified at the time of construction to account for existing vegetation, topography and other existing site conditions affecting placement of these items. The intent is to remain as true to the plans as feasible.***

In addition to updating the fencing and landscaping plans, we will be updating the Frequently Asked Questions fact sheet found on the County website to address the concerns regarding liability that were raised at the open house.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with additional questions and feel free to forward this e-mail to any neighbors you feel may benefit from this correspondence.

On behalf of Richard Brahler, Director of Transportation Planning and Evan Stone, Executive Director, we appreciate your understanding and interest.

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